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TITLE : PREPARATION OF PIPERONAL

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To prepare piperonal useful as a raw material for cosmetics, perfumes, medicines, agricultural chemicals, etc., and brighteners for metal plating, in high conversion and selectivity, by oxidizing piperonyl alcohol with O<sub>2</sub> in a basic aqueous medium in the presence of a platinum group metal catalyst.

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CONSTITUTION: Piperonal is prepared by oxidizing piperonyl alcohol with O<sub>2</sub>- containing gas in a basic aqueous medium in the presence of a platinum group metal catalyst, preferably a platinum group metal catalyst and an inorganic acid salt of a metal selected from lead, bismuth, silver and tin. The platinum group metal catalyst is pref. platinum and palladium. Coexistence of an inorganic acid salt of a metal selected from lead, bismuth, silver and tin, improves the conversion and the selectivity.

USE: Base for heliotrope perfume.

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ref. examples were same Pt (, Pd, Rh, Ru) also SALI

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